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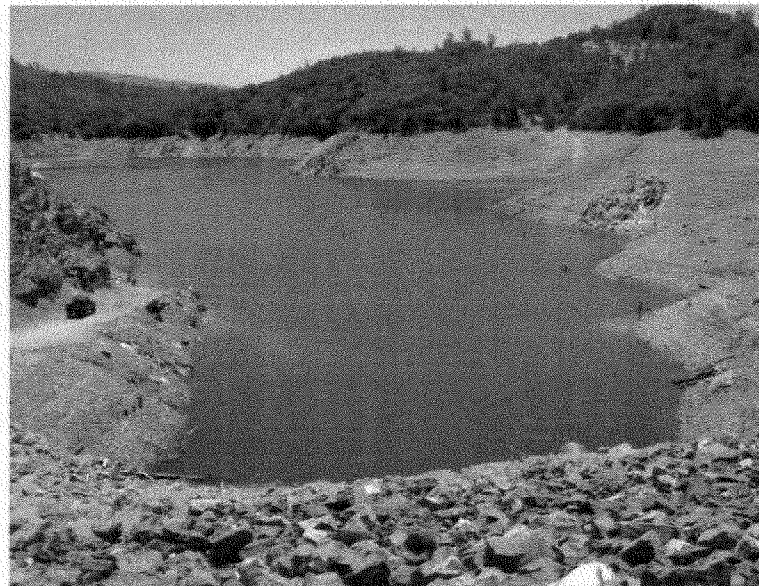
Location of Photo Point for KOP: GPS Coordinates = North 39.695, West 121.569

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Use of Area Near the KOP and Viewers: The Nelson Bar area is used for launching boats, swimming, boat fishing and bank fishing *[confirm w/ rec. group]*. Nelson Bar is located in a protected side cove in a quiet part of Lake Oroville that does not get significant boating use *[confirm w/ rec. group]*. People who view Nelson Bar are people who have specifically driven to the area to recreate or view the lake. Based on recreation surveys, people using Nelson Bar are ____ *[get info from rec. group]*.

Visible Project Features and Project Influence on Aesthetic Quality: There are no project features visible from this KOP. Project operations result in varying amounts of shoreline being exposed.

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Foreman Creek Recreation Area Boat Launch

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Location and Aesthetic Environment: This KOP is located in a wide, south-facing cove at the north part of the main body of Lake Oroville. The undeveloped area includes a launch which is the old ____ road that was submerged by the filling of Lake Oroville. The road/launch continues into the lake and can be used for launching to a pool level of ____ feet. The area surrounding the KOP is flat, open and devoid of shrubs or trees. On the east side of the road is a large unpaved area that is being used for parking. Views from this KOP are very expansive. The Oroville Dam is three miles to the south of this KOP and can be viewed clearly on the horizon of Lake Oroville.

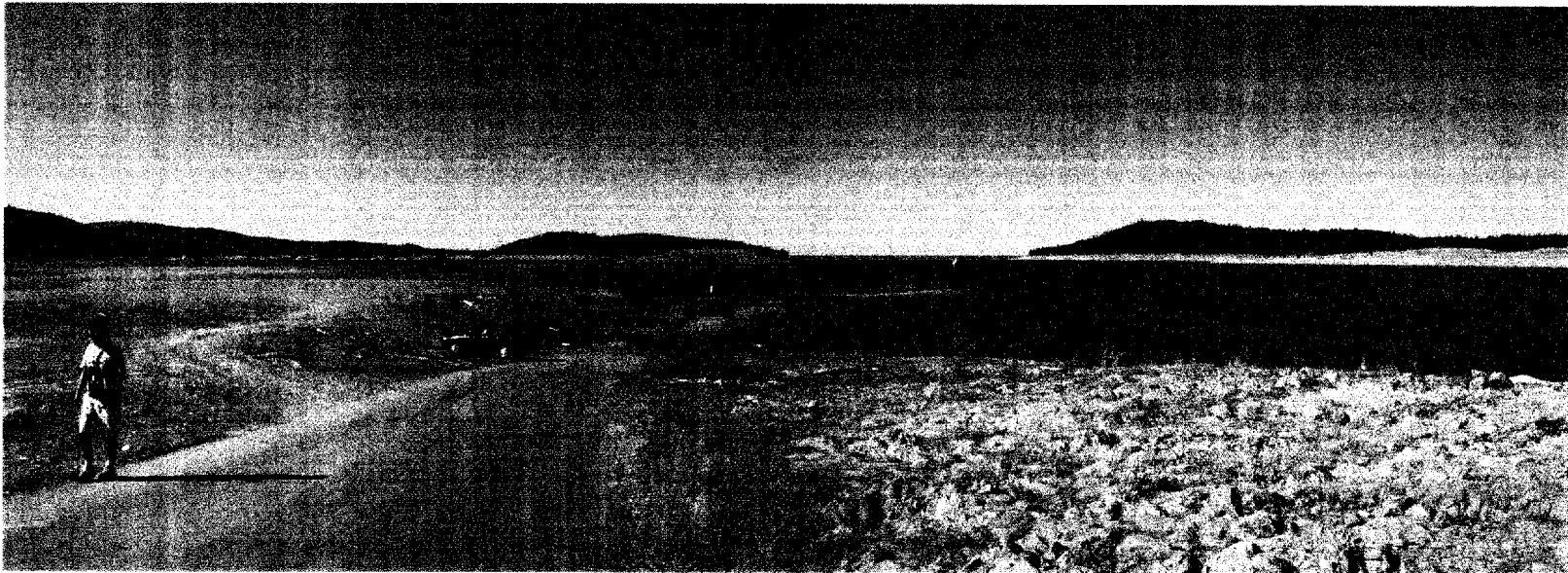
Location of Photo Point for KOP: GPS Coordinates = N39.535243, W 121.587157

The photo point for this KOP is located immediately west of the road/ramp (look for three painted red stripes on ground adjacent to road and a 6" painted red rock on an adjacent low-lying outcrop).

Use of Area Near the KOP and Viewers: The launching area is within the Foreman Creek Recreation Area and is used by people launching boats by hand or by ramp. People also hike and bank fish here (the "Pro-Guide" fishing map notes that the area is good for fishing for catfish from the shoreline). *[verify with rec. group]* Based on recreation surveys, people who use this facility are ____ *[get information from rec. group]*

Visible Project Features and Project Influence on Aesthetic Quality: Visible features include: the backside of the Oroville Dam, Bidwell Marina, Bidwell Ramp, a floating campsite, shallow "islands" at the end of the ramp and warning buoys. Because this area is very flat, pool fluctuations result in large amounts of land being submerged or uncovered depending upon pool elevation.

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Larkin Road Boat Launching Area

(Photo at pool elevation of 832)

Location and Aesthetic Environment: This facility is located off of Larkin Road at the eastern edge of the Thermalito Afterbay. It consists of a large (___acre) parking area, a rest room and a rough asphalt boat ramp that is described in some recreation maps as being used for car top boat launching. The area is extremely open and contains little in the way of trees or other terrestrial vegetation. The facility is located adjacent to a wetland/marsh complex. The 360-degree views from this KOP are expansive, although most people using this area focus their attention on the launching area and adjacent water.

Location of Photo Point for KOP: GPS Coordinates: North 39.695, West 121.596

The photo point for this KOP is on south side of the ramp approximately 70 feet east of the southern instructional sign (on the tall pole) for people launching boats.

Use of Area Near the KOP and Viewers: The area is used for launching watercraft such as boats and jet skis. It lacks shade and picnic facilities and is likely too barren and open to support much picnicking use other than that associated with people launching boats.*[verify with rec. group]*. Based on recreation surveys, people who use this facility are ____ *[get information from rec. group]*

Visible Project Features and Project Influence on Aesthetic Quality: The Afterbay levee that parallels Hwy. 99 is visible.

Reason for Including or Not Including as a Final KOP to Analyze: *[To be determined]*



Craig Saddle Boat-in Campground

(Photo at pool elevation of 832)

Location and Aesthetic Environment: This KOP is located on the west side of Craig Saddle. The area the KOP is situated in is very scenic and consists of a cove, beach and interesting rock formations. Campers can access the campground by landing on beach of the cove or by tying-off their boats in the cove. The 16-unit campground is well developed and is situated within a heavily forested area. Trees and vegetation offer shade, but block views of the water from most parts of the campground. The best views of the water are from the east and west shoreline areas of the saddle. The cove area where this KOP is located offers expansive views of the waters of the Middle Fork Branch and hills beyond.

Location of Photo Point for KOP: GPS coordinates - (for east side of saddle) = North 39.547, West 121.406

The photo point is on west side of the saddle where a secondary trail from the beach to a campsite begins to be visible above the beach.

Use of Area Near the KOP and Viewers: The cove and beach area is used by campers and day users. Based on recreation surveys, people who use this facility are ____ [*get information from rec. group*]

Visible Project Features and Project Influence on Aesthetic Quality: There are no project facilities that are visible from this KOP. Pool fluctuations influence the amount of beach at this location and the size of the cove. The "bathtub" ring on the land across the Middle Fork Branch from this KOP is quite visible.

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